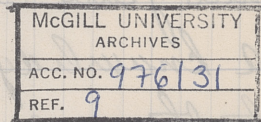


Ad. "Janos." off the Coast of Greece.

March 17th 1884.



My dear
M.
Charlotte Seary

Wednesday the 19th.

We have here Charing Cross
& a day before had a
at 10.00. I have the hope to be
in ~~state~~ tomorrow.

I am in your

debt in the matter of correspondence
& your own experience in travelling
will better enable you to excuse me
when I plead guilty of having forgotten
the date of your last letter but your ad-
vice in regard to first ascending
the tower in Venice I am keeping
in mind as we are again in Europe
& making straight for that place via
Trieste, we have most fully enjoyed
our Eastern travels & ever regret having
to bid adieu to the sunny land &
brilliant colouring of Egypt, the intensely
interesting land of Palestine & the noble
mountain ranges of Lebanon & Anti-

Lehanas ^{in direct} the nobility of dress, manners
 & habitations are so striking, yet we have
 been more two wars in times course
 to see this as the ally of Western
 Civilisation has surely entered &
 will before long effect many changes.
 Education is making good progress
 in Cairo & fifty schools are busy on
 on the banks of the Nile, below the
 first Cataract. The Mahomedans take
 the least advantage of these, but
 the secular advantages ^{to those who do.} are becoming
 so apparent, as the government & civil-
 ized parts are filled from among
 those who graduate from the higher
 classes, that they too will not long
 withstand that hate. In Beyrout,
 as a Centre ^{for the spread of} the love of education has
 spread within the last twenty or thirty
 years with astonishing strides. There is
 both a Classical & Medical College with
 some two hundred students. This year

Thirty young men from Cyprus have entered the Beirut School for a two years course — principally because a knowledge of English is valuable to them now that Cyprus is under English rule, but five out of these at present intend to go on afterwards with studies in Medicine.

Papa gave a public lecture while at Beirut on Pre-historic Man. I seven native ladies attended who were able to appreciate this subject. Perhaps this is not news to you but I was quite unprepared for such attendance. However, this is a small minority compared to the whole & the reputed permanency of Eastern life may be maintained with truth.

We have a rough beginning to our Patriotic experiences in the form of a stormy landing at Jaffa which tried the nerves of some of the passengers you

Mother included. - a stormy cold week
 followed & as our time was limited
 to two weeks neither rain nor wretched
by bad roads could be allowed to
 interfere with the excursions to points
 of interest that have been previously
 arranged. Everywhere, except between
 Jaffa & Jerusalem, our journeyings were
 on horseback & we were so tired by the
 jolting of the maysas on that road
 that on our return we got an
 riding horse, which I rode the
 first day & I rode the second as a
 rest from driving. I after thought
 of your rough experiences but I dare say
 you will smile if I say that I think
 my training will now enable me, if
 necessary, to follow you to the remotest
 hills. I propose to join a circus & exhibit
 my powers of sticking on a horse while it
 goes up & down unt precipices, & at the
 least I must have a dear little donkey

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such as I felt in love with in
Egypt to do legs per me in Montreal.

We had a most enjoyable
time in Beirut. Pape, junior
by knew Mr Bliss, the Principal of the
College, & by apote Mr Past & Mr Remis.
& all of these were extremely kind
to us. One or other of them planned
our excursions to various places of
interest around, as well as accompan-
ied us in them. & as they were agree-
able, well informed about the Country,
the people & their language it was
no small advantage. We saw
something of the Lebanon Mountains &
spent one night in the Anti-Lebanon
getting a fine view of the whole range
& of snowy Hermon beyond. Pape
was delighted by the opportunity to
have of examining Caves & finding fossils,
although I had better refrain from com-
mitting myself on this subject as he
will be sure to tell you the results
of his investigations. He packed three

huge masses of stones & shipped them from
 this place. His accumulations will
 amount to tons of freight before he
 returns. Freight is a waste per ourselves
 & belongings would seem the most
 imprudent way of getting back. I have
 said ourselves but I take it back - all
 that we have got, not not a hand-
 bag. We left Beyrout on
 Monday the 8th, by an Austrian line
 of steamers, which calls at a number
 of intermediate ports. On Tuesday night
 we found ourselves at the town
 of Larnaca in Cyprus & lay there all
 day taking off & putting on cargo. Tuesday
 night & Wednesday were so stormy
 that we & I kept ourselves in Sicilia -
dion. Thursday night we were off
 Rhodes. The town is a very pretty one as
 seen from the harbour, backed by hills
 & by distant high snow-capped mountains.
 The harbour is protected on each side
 by fortifications built on projecting rocks
 which give it a very symmetrical appearance.

A great quantity of gale nuts, used in dyeing, are exported from this place. All along the Coast of Arica is a succession of bare, bold, precipitous mountains, without shade or heath & with rare slopes or valleys where pasturage or cultivation can be obtained. In Peru it is different slopes with cultivation valleys with hilltops & pretty views & in the interior high snow-covered mountains. The Islands are rather bare but show many interesting spots. We stopped at about sunset on Friday evening at Iquique to take on a number of passengers with an immense quantity of baggage it was blowing hard & it was very exciting to watch them & their baggage being hauled on board, one of the bundles fell into the water but was rescued & Iquique itself runs along a mile or two of narrow flat backed by hills & looks extremely pretty. But I have skipped because although this is called a "through route" to Trieste we have to take three separate steamers

8 The first took us to Smyrna. where we had
a day or a half or there before the next one sailed
The harbour is a beautiful one - quite equal
to Naples. The town is finely situated stretching
up the side of a sloping hill which becomes steeper
towards the top & here is crowned by the ruins
of an ancient fortress, built during the Greek
occupation of the place five hundred years before
Christ. We climbed this hill & had a fine view
of the town & harbour & on the other side a bold
stratting away to Ephesus & having a railway
through it to these places. Our next steamer
took us to Athens where we had a day.
& in it we worked hard & visited all
the ruins & sites of classical note of which you
know a great deal more than I do. I only wish that
you could locate your knowledge by having ac-
companied us that day. The ruins of the Acropolis
are a really fine sight even to the ignorant. The
ship we are now in is due in Trieste on Thursday
but I have seized a calm time to write although
the tumors of the engine does not promote
charmness of thought. indeed I must now retire &
lie down & regret I am unable to go on to
tell you our further plans. Tomorrow we are to
be at Corfu where we spend 6 hours. From Trieste
we hurry through Europe, heck to London. Believe me
dear Gemy to remain ever your loving Mother